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Once a favorite of CPAC, politically incorrect author and commentator Pat Buchanan (L) is no longer invited. However, in 2001 Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu (R) gave the keynote address at CPAC's gala banquet.

CPAC: From GOP fringe group to neocon powerhouse

• Prominent "conservative" group has tangled history

> You can bet no critics of the Fed, Zionist power or globalism will appear at CPAC.

By Michael Collins Piper

WASHINGTON, D.C.—This year an estimated 8,000-10,000 participants converged on the annual meeting in Washington, D.C. of the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). That's a far cry from the several hundred folks — including this writer — who attended the 1979 CPAC meeting, back in the days CPAC was still considered a bit too "extreme" for the tastes of most Republicans.

But make no mistake about it: Even then, CPAC organizers (largely GOP loyalists) were certain to ban from their podium those conservatives who dared venture into *verboten* territory. This included those who talked about the Federal Reserve System, Zionist power or the influence of pressure groups such as the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission and Bilderberg.

Although first convened in 1974, it wasn't until after the election to the presidency in 1980 of CPAC favorite Ronald Reagan that CPAC — and conservatism — became "respectable." This launched an era in which a remarkable number of longtime self-described GOP "moderates" suddenly became overnight conservatives vying to be as one with the reigning president who became a virtual folk hero.

As such, during the Reagan era, CPAC leaders and organizations associated with them evolved from being considered "fringe elements" into the ruling elite within the Republican Party and assorted GOP-oriented think tanks and political action groups.

During that same time frame a small but well-funded and assertive group of hard-line Israel-centric ex-Trotskyite communist intriguers now widely known as the "neoconservatives" were rising in influence, soon grabbing control of the conservative network and, under the presidency of George W. Bush, emerged as the unchallenged force dominating the national Republican apparatus.

Things got so bad that in 2001, for the first time ever, Republican conservative icon, columnist Pat Buchanan, was not invited to speak at CPAC. That was the year Israel's hawkish Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was not only invited to CPAC, but also gave the keynote address at the event's Ronald Reagan Banquet. That, if anything, demonstrated how far CPAC had gone.

Under their new leaders, conservatives were corralled into the internationalist and imperialist New World Order orbit, supporting American meddling around the planet, abandoning the longtime Republican conservative tradition of nationalism and nonintervention and siding without reservation with Israel in the face of growing global opposition to Israel. The advent of the 9-11 tragedy gave neoconservatives even greater power in shaping the mindset of conservatives, firmly cementing them into the New World Order foundation.

While in 2004 and 2008, organized efforts by the Ron Paul presidential campaign brought many Paul followers to CPAC, their presence (and their opposition to the warmongering policies of the Dubya Bush administration) was treated as a colorful, if vocal, annoyance. "Ron Paul," CPAC leaders asserted, "was going nowhere." And, they would add with a wink, "there's some question as to whether he can even be counted as a real Republican." Paul was, they said, a bit too extreme.

There is some good news: Despite the heavy-handed neoconservative influence at CPAC's leadership level, many attendees tend to be younger and more libertarian oriented. There has been among them a growing opposition to global intervention, certainly reflecting the fact that it is young people who die in the wars neoconservatives relish.

In the old days, CPAC received little attention. These days CPAC is very much in the news, and, if truth be told, that's the way the forces that control the big media want it to be. What happens at CPAC — and the "new faces" that emerge as "leaders" (as designated by the media monopoly) — can and must be considered a product of the opinion-molding forces of the New World Order elite.

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